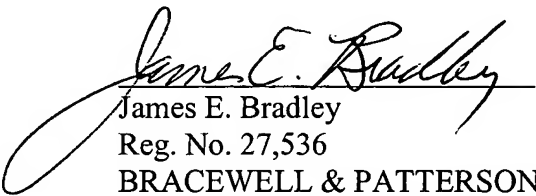


REMARKS

Claims 1—34 are pending in this application. Claims 1-14 have been cancelled. Claims 15—34 have been added as new claims as a preliminary amendment to this patent application. Figures 4A, 7A, and 7B have been cancelled. Figure 4B has been changed to Figure 4. Figure 8A has been changed to Figure 7A. Figure 8B has been changed to Figure 7B. The specification has been amended to conform with requirements and reflect the renumbered drawings. Replacement drawing sheets are enclosed. A power of attorney is also enclosed. Please charge any additional fees to Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. deposit account no. 50-0259 (089988.000002).

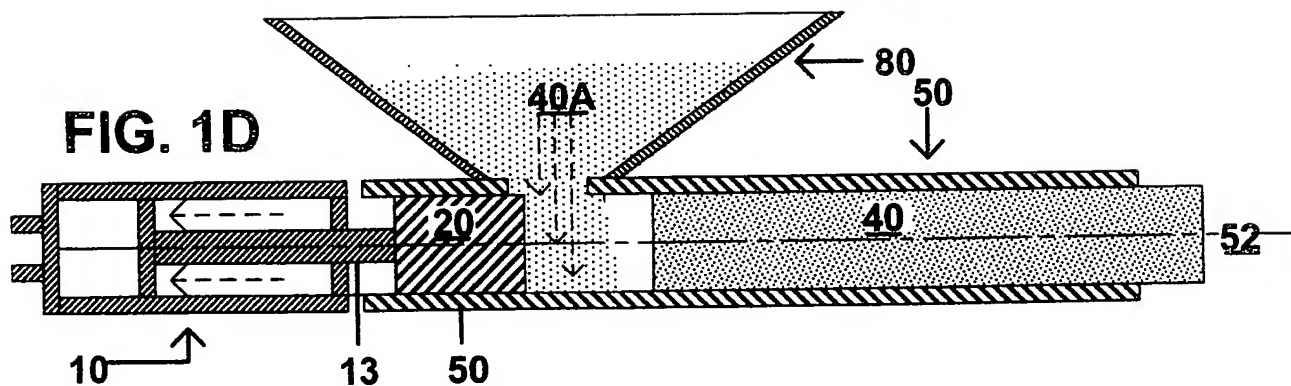
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Amendments to the Drawings:

Please see enclosed the attached drawing changes and replacement pages.



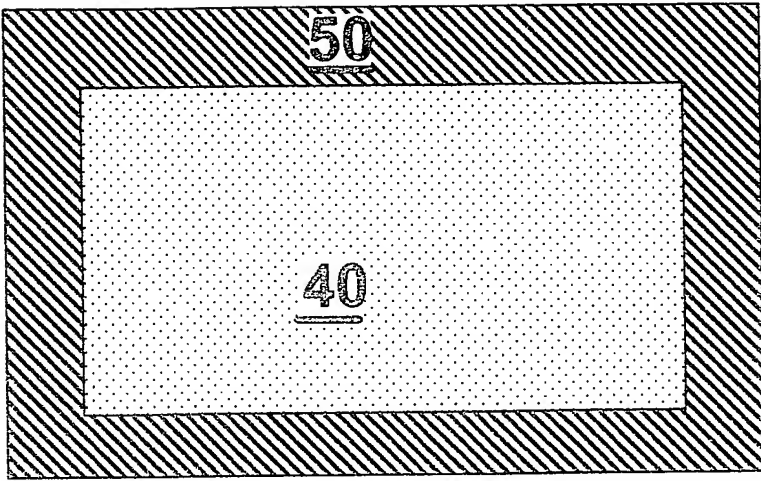


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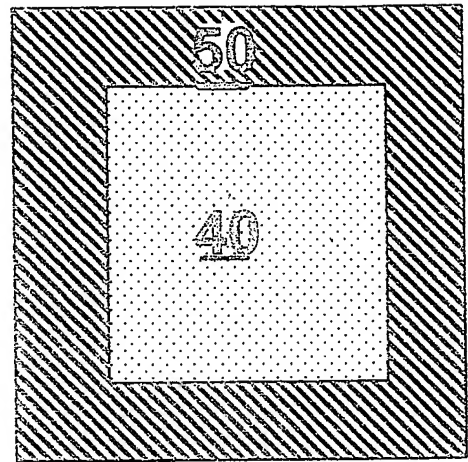


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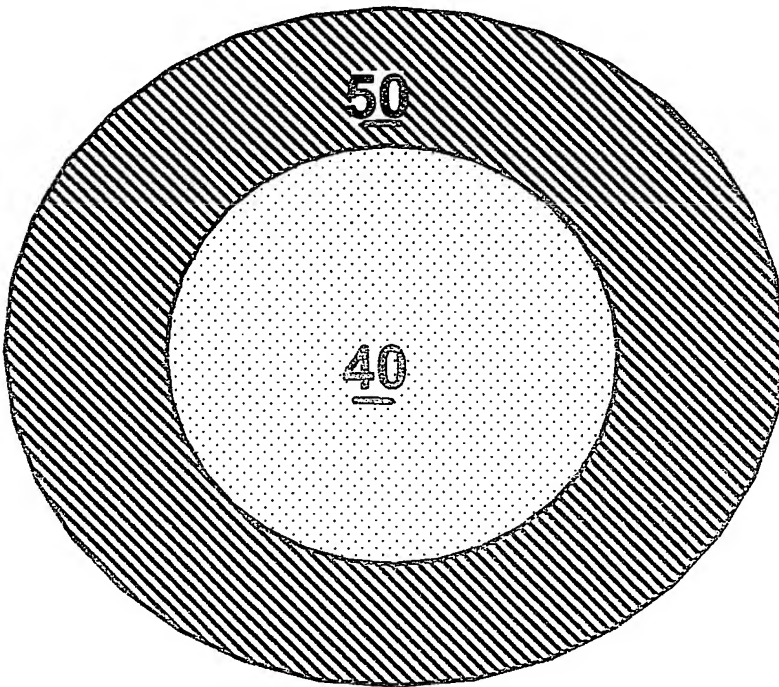


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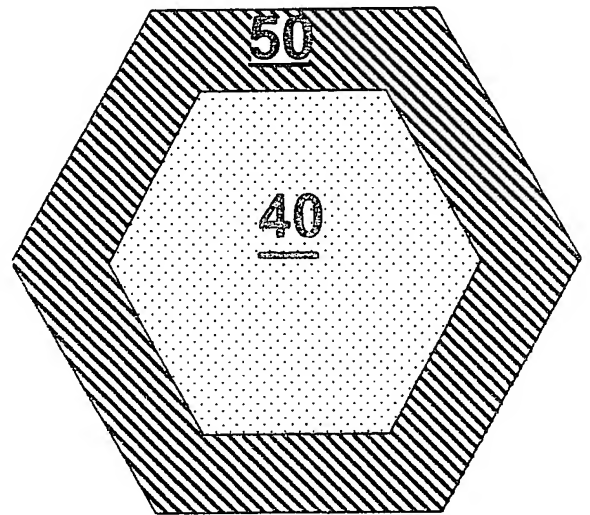


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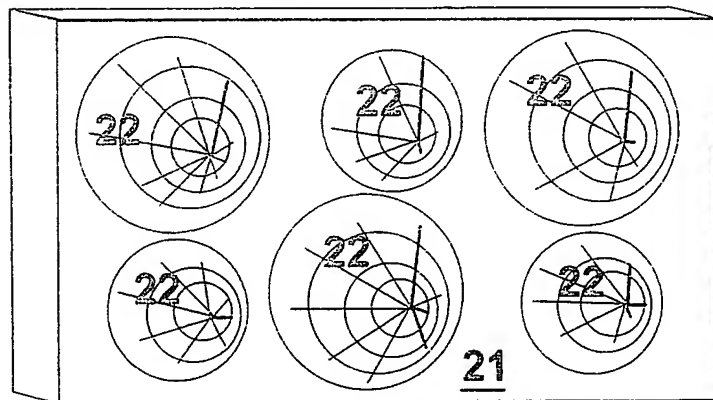
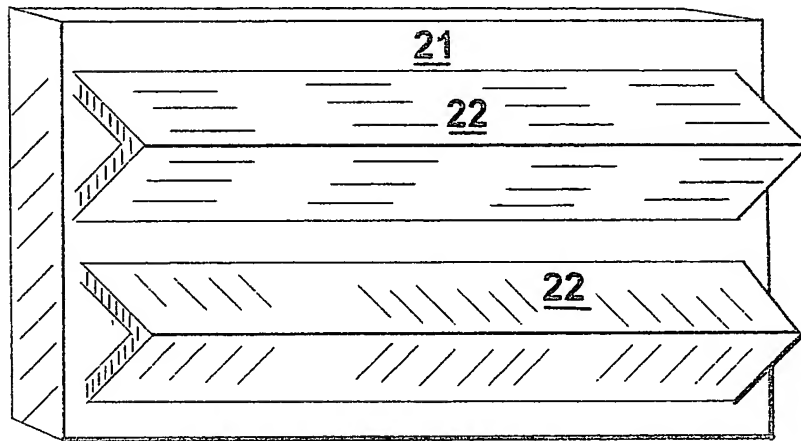
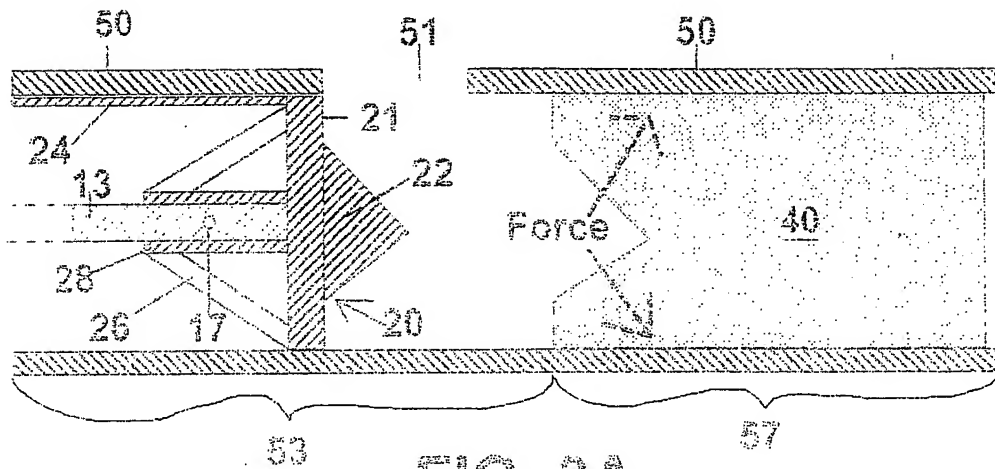
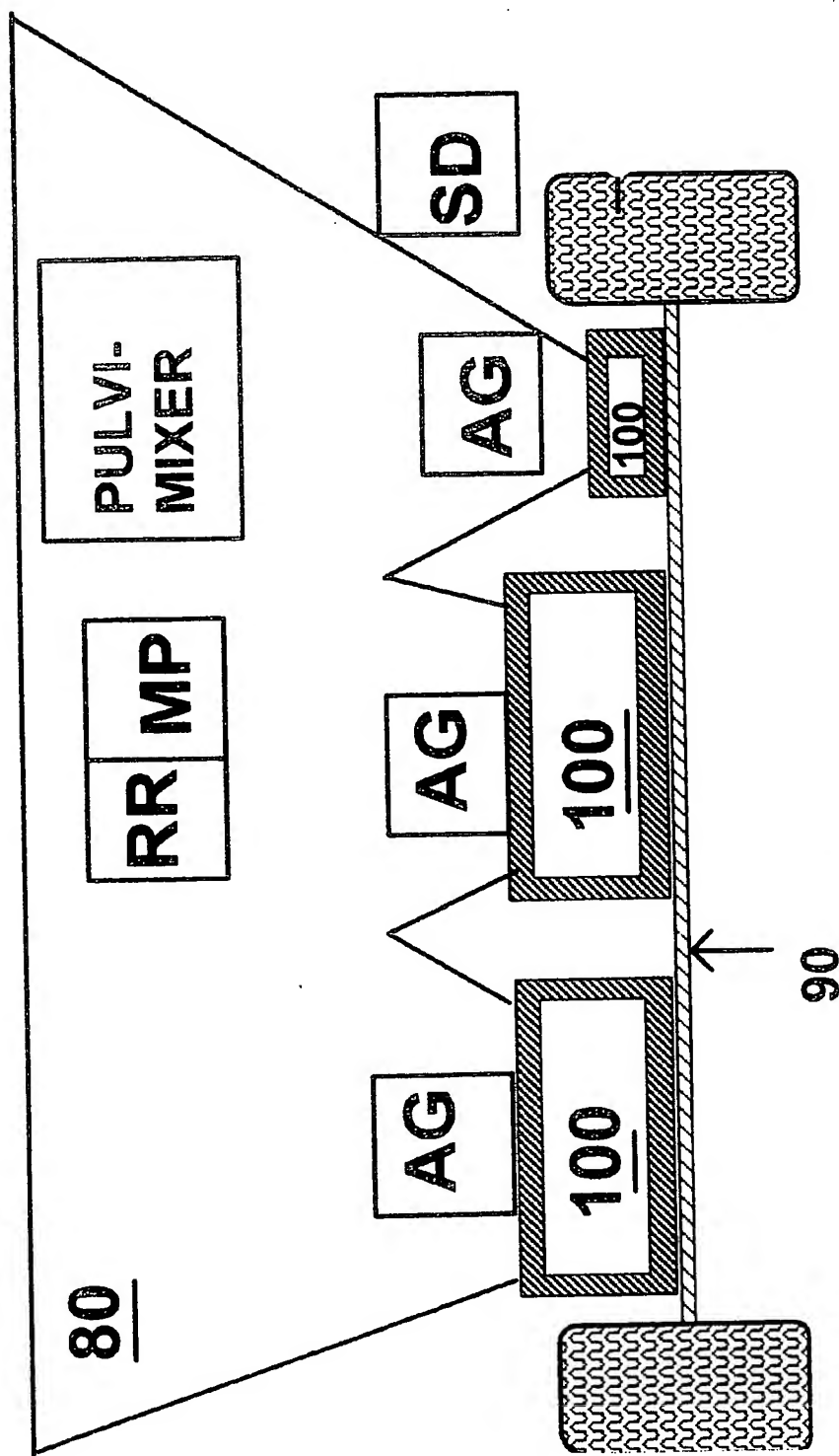
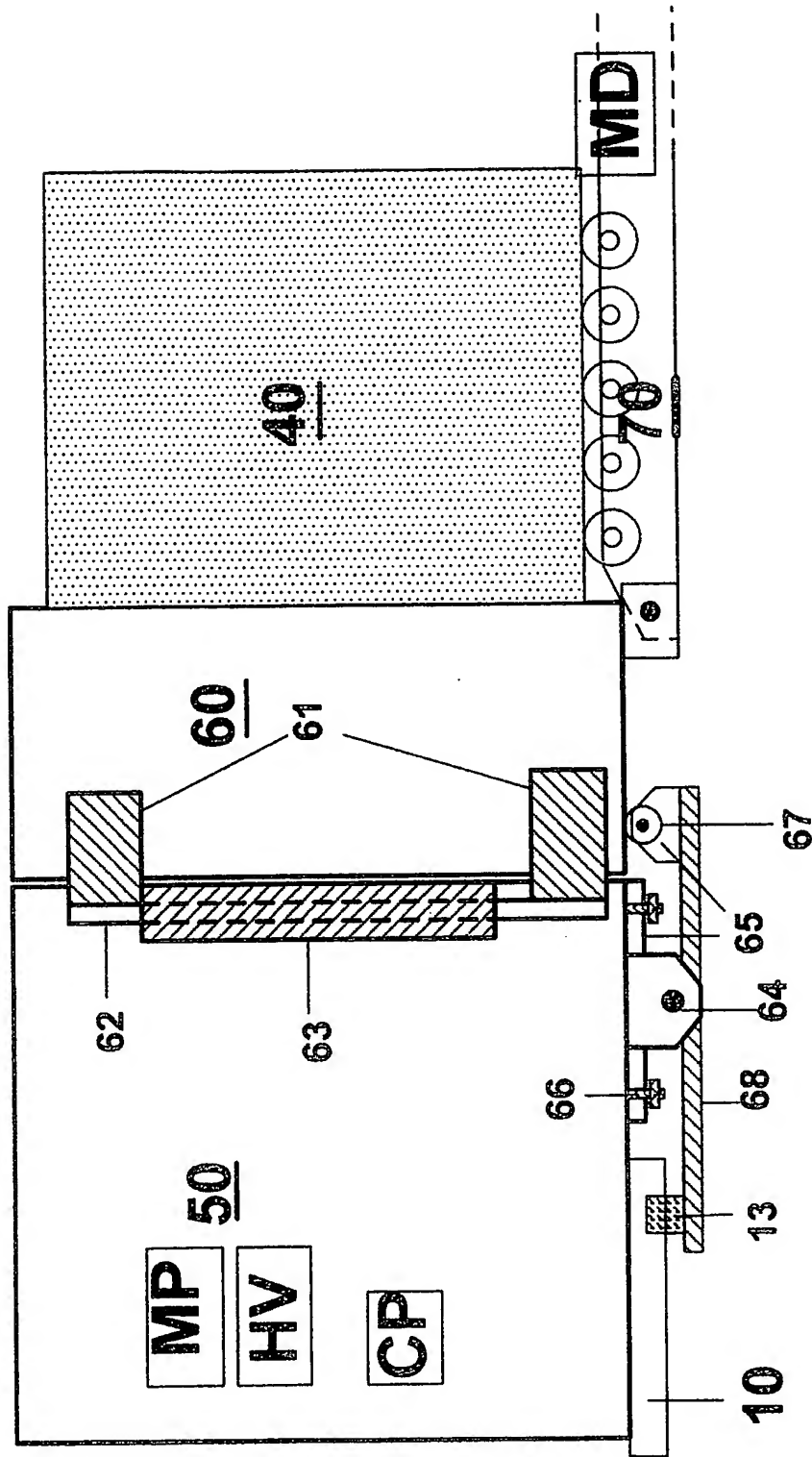


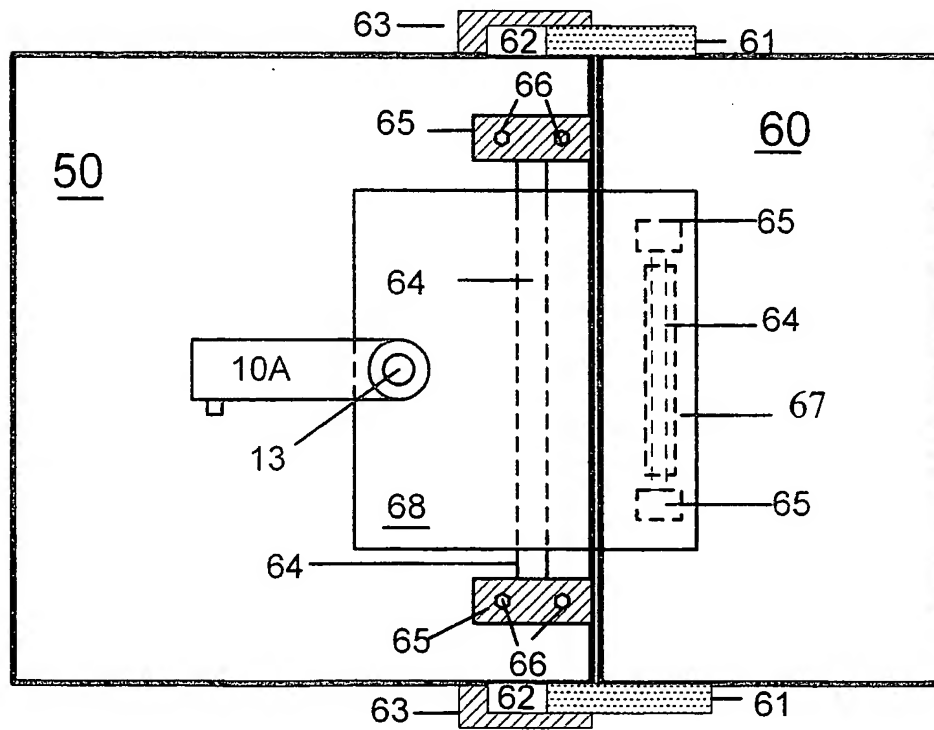
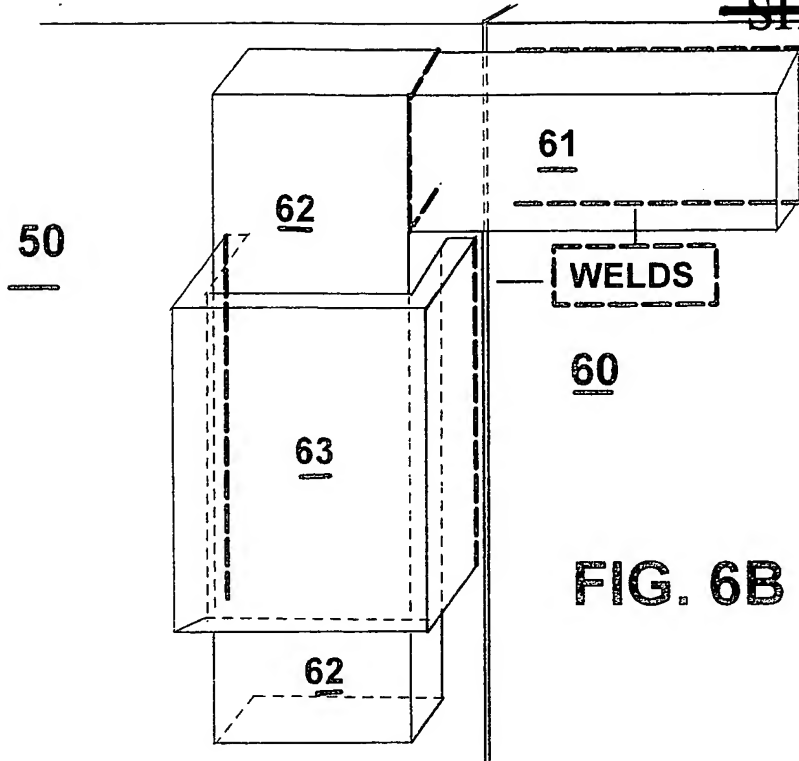


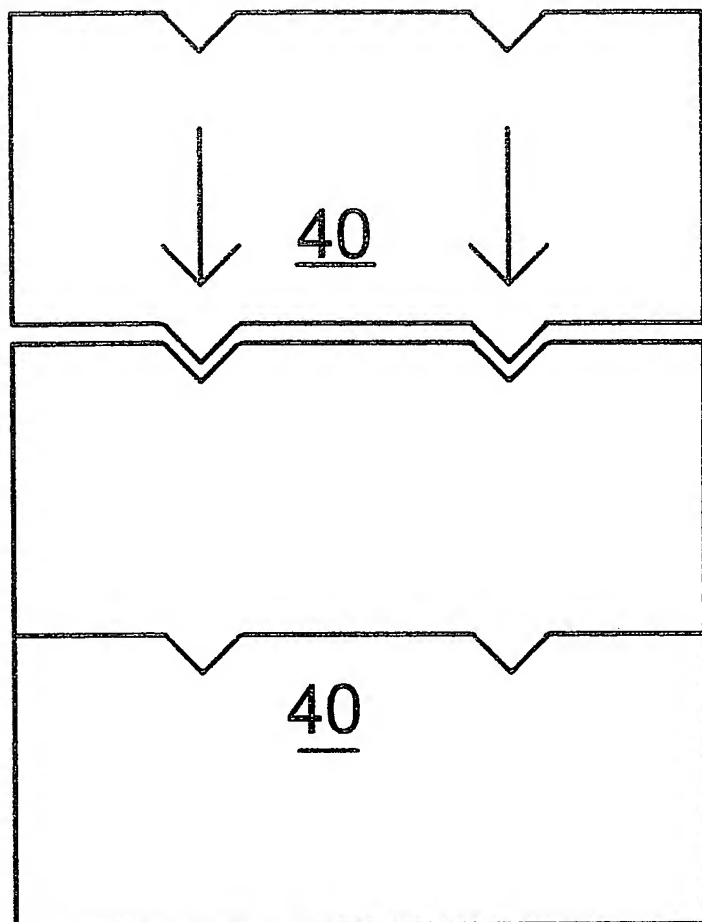
FIG. 4



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**Fig. 6A**

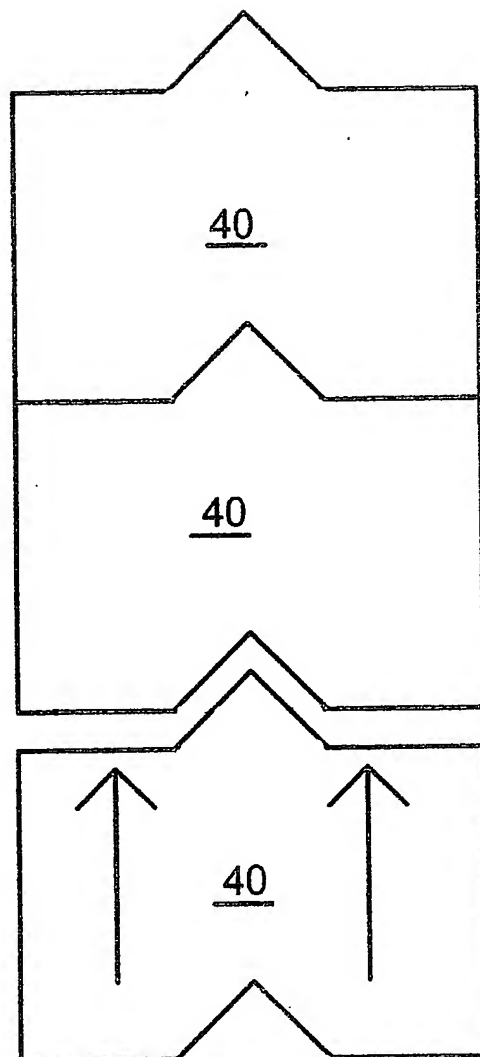




~~FIG. 8A~~
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FIG. 7A

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~~FIG. 8B~~
~~TOP VIEW~~

FIG. 7B

TOP VIEW